IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Supplemental to the amendments to the specification made in the June 22, 2005 Preliminary Amendment and the November 10, 2005 Amendment, please rewrite the Summary of Invention Section beginning on page 2, line 9 through page 3, line 14 as follows:

--The present invention has been made in consideration of the above-described problems in the prior art.

It is an object of the present invention to provide a communication apparatus which can be used with ease.

According to one aspect, the present invention which achieves the above described object relates to a communication apparatus capable of performing ring-type multiple-address transmission. The apparatus includes a registration unit, arranged to register a sub-address signal and a communication specification so as to correspond to a memory box, a start selector, arranged to select a start of ring-type multiple-address transmission, a ring-type multiple-address reception transfer selector, arranged to select a transfer of ring-type multiple-address reception, and a controller arranged to perform a control operation so that, when the start of the ring-type multiple-address transmission has been selected, transmitter information is added, and when the transfer of ring-type multiple-address reception has been selected, the transmitter information is not added. The communication apparatus performs ring-type multiple-address transmission/reception of received image data; and the transmitter information is added to the received image data as image data when the start of ring-type multiple address transmission has been selected.

According to another aspect, the present invention which achieves the above-

described object relates to a communication apparatus capable of performing ring-type multiple-address transmission. The apparatus includes a memory arranged to store received image data, a registration unit, arranged to register a sub-address signal and a communication specification so as to correspond to a memory box, a transfer unit arranged to transfer the received image data stored in the memory, an identification unit arranged to identify whether or not the received image data is data assigned to be subjected to ring-type multiple-address processing, and a processor for causing the transfer unit to transfer the received image data without adding transmitter information if the received image data is data assigned to be subjected to the ring-type multiple-address processing, and for causing the transfer unit to transfer the received image data with the transmitter information added thereto if the received image data is not data assigned to be subjected to ring-type multiple-address processing, wherein the transmitter information is added to the received image data as the image data.

According to yet another aspect, the present invention which achieves the above-described object relates to a communication method performing ring-type multiple-address transmission, the method including the steps of registering a sub-address signal and a communication specification so as to correspond to a memory box, selecting a start of a ring-type multiple-address transmission, selecting a transfer of a ring-type multiple-address reception, and performing a control operation so that, when the start of ring-type multiple-address transmission has been selected, transmitter information is added, and, when the transfer of ring-type multiple-address reception has been selected, the transmitter information is not added. The communication apparatus performs ring-type multiple-address transmission/reception of received image data; and the transmitter information is added to the received image data as the image data

when the start of ring-type multiple address transmission has been selected.

According to still another aspect, the present invention which achieves the above-described object relates to a communication method performing ring-type multiple-address transmission, the method including the steps of storing received image data in a memory, registering a sub-address signal and a communication specification so as to correspond to a memory box, transferring the received image data stored in the memory, identifying whether or not the received image data is data assigned to be subjected to ring-type multiple-address processing, and causing the transferring step to transfer the received image data without adding transmitter information if the received image data is data assigned to be subjected to the ring-type multiple-address processing, and causing the transferring step to transfer the received image data with the transmitter information added thereto if the received image data is not data assigned to be subjected to the ring-type multiple-address processing, wherein the transmitter information is added to the received image data as the image data.

The foregoing and other objects, advantages and features of the present invention will become more apparent from the following description of the preferred embodiment taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings. --